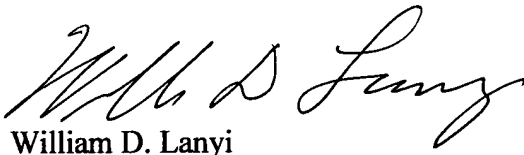


REMARKS

5 In the Official Action mailed on May 3, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 10,
12, 14 – 18, and 20, and objected to claims 6 – 9. In order to expedite the prosecution of the
subject patent application, applicants have amended claim 1 to contain the limitation previously
contained in claim 6. Applicants believe that this change, shown above, places claims 1, 3, 5,
and 7 – 9 in allowable form.

10 In response to the changes made to the claims of the subject patent application and in
further view of the above discussion, applicants respectfully request Examiner's reconsideration
of the subject patent application and expeditious allowance of claims 1, 3, 5, and 7 – 9.

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